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Ice Cream and Sodas on the Way

Get Well Quick Bill

Wm. H. Rowe who operates the Taxi Service here has been ill for the past two weeks, and on Wednesday, February 20th was entered as a patient in the Good Samaritan Hospital, Los Angeles, where he will undergo an operation. His friends in Joshua Tree are all sending along good wishes for a speedy recovery.

Mr. Rowe lives with his sister, Miss Sue M. Rowe, and his friend M. H. Bibbens, in one of the Overbay Cabins. Their cabin is ideally situated and will make just the right place for him to recuperate.

Turning the Pages Of the Past And the Present

Rumor hath it (via the grapevine system) that a certain colorful prospector of another day, will be calling at the new JOSHUA JOURNAL office shortly. He says he will give us exclusive right to whatever yarns he has to tell. No one knows the real Zachariah Ebenezer Prescott. Suffice it to say that he is a modest man of humble New England origin, and although at times his imagination if a trifle lurid, he swears there never was anyone in his family by the name of Munchausen.

"Zak" is absent minded and vague about the date of his birth, but he remembers how he bragged because his school teacher's brother was one of the first to join the Klondike Gold Rush. Life in "Little Rhody" (where he had his inception) became pretty tame, for news was drifting back East about how any dumb fool could find gold in California. "Why, all a fella had to do—it seemed—was to walk around and kick over a rock, and there was a handful of gold nuggets just grinning up at you." Zak thinks he was twenty or so, when he ran into that famous pair of "Sour Doughs," Shorty Harris and Jim Dayton, who were camping near Death Valley and still successful in their search for gold.

It was here Zak later met a fabulous character with the classical name of Walter Scott, better known as "Death Valley Scotty," who built a two million dollar "shack" in the desert. Zak says,—"Scotty ain't no true prospector in any sense of the word, or he wouldn't want a 'joint' like that, with a danged old pipe organ he probably doesn't know how to play." He thinks he will go over an dask Scotty to run the "durned" thing for him soon. Well, come on up Zak and tell us some more, we are all ears!

Latch String Out From 10 to 3 On Sunday

Last Sunday the JOURNAL office was one of the busiest places in town. Seems as though everyone who comes to town wants to see the home of the Big "little weekly" that has carried the news of the desert towns to so many people.

A recent visitor who dropped in for a chat (and was immediately put to work as it happened to be mailing day) said that the out-of-town circulation was greater than that of the big city newspaper with which he had been connected for a number of years. He was amazed that so young a paper could possibly have so many paid subscribers. The JOURNAL goes to practically every state in the U. S. A., including Hawaii (and also Canada) and every mail brings many new names. Even though the paper is less than 6 months old, renewal subscriptions have started coming in, so eager are some of the subscribers to assure themselves of not missing any copies.

If something happens to delay the delivery, we are deluged with requests for copies thought lost.

If you out-of-towners are planning a trip to the desert, drop in the JOURNAL office and get acquainted. We are eager and anxious to know our subscribers.

Mrs. Ray Ginrich of San Francisco was a recent visitor here. She is much interested in our fast growing town and expects to return shortly with the idea of purchasing property here.

Mrs. Ginrich spent a few days with friends, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McKitrick of 29 Palms, and also staying overnight with her other good friends, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Overbay of "Overbay's Ranch."

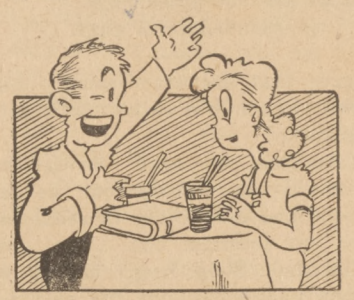
The deBandrowski building is nearing completion, just a few more finishing touches and things will be in shape for their grand opening, which, according to Mrs. deBandrowski, should be at the same time as the advent of electricity.

They expect to be settled in their living quarters by March 1st as they have already started moving a few of their belongings.

The building has to be seen to be appreciated. Besides a very unique and unusual exterior, the interior is out of the ordinary. It has been designed for comfort and convenience with ample space for storage and plenty of cupboard and closet space. The second floor is divided into two large bedrooms and a bath. Each bedroom opens out upon a good sized balcony, which is all glassed in for winter, and is to be screened for summer. The entire interior is painted an off-white which makes it look even more spacious than it is, yet has none of the glare which so often accompanies a white paint job.

On the first floor there is a large kitchen with snack bar for the private use of the family. The living quarters may be reached from a door entirely separate from that of the store rooms.

For the present the deBandrowskis will only make use of one store and will rent the other. Everything is so designed and arranged that the store may be enlarged as the business warrants.



Mr. and Mrs. deBandrowski have spent quite a little time in Los Angeles shopping for equipment and they say they have already purchased a soda fountain, which was one of the hardest articles to find at this time. Inasmuch as it seems to be the most interesting item from the standpoint of their future patrons, we pass it on to you as a bit of advance information as to what you may expect when the store is really ready for business. So much depends upon electric power they have decided to not try to open until the current it turned on. In the meantime they will be working hard fixing up the place for the gala opening.

"To all our friends in Joshua Tree we send our best regards.

Sincerely,

BOOTS and BILL TURNER

"1020 Field St., Detroit, Mich."

Boots' mother, Mrs. Teresa Mathews, entered her name for a subscription to the JOURNAL so we know she can keep in touch with her former friends, but we feel sure Boots would enjoy hearing from some of you direct.

BIG GLIDER MEET THIS WEEK END AT VIOLET DRY LAKE

For the benefit of those who did not see the last issue of the JOURNAL we are again calling attention to the Big Glider Meet whic his to be staged this weekend, and for full information we a quote a letter which was sent out by Paul Tuntland, the Contest Director. The letter was written on the back of a map furnished by the BUNKER LAND COMPANY, which gives full directions for reaching the scene of the contest. If you did not receive one of these letters and are planning to drive, turn off Highway 99 at 29 Palms Junction just beyond Whitewater. The turn is plainly marked by a White Gateway and Highway signs. The letter follows:

THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SOARING ASSOCIATION
MID-WINTER CONTEST

The Southern California Soaring Association will hold their 1946 mid-winter contest on February 23 and 24, at Violet Dry Lake between Joshua Tree Village and Twentynine Palms, California.

This is the first official contest of the SCSA since the prewar affairs at Arvin, California.

Prize monies in excess of two hundred and fifty dollars have been assured; the Joshua Tree Chamber of Commerce and Lions Club of Twentynine Palms are the principal contributors.

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Journal Moves Into New Home

Monday, February 18, was "moving day" for the JOSHUA JOURNAL.

The new home is across the street from the former location, and is a small building which will be used exclusively by the Journal staff.

Heretofore, they have shared quarters with other business firms, but the circulation has increased rapidly enough so that it was deemed advisable to have a place where they could have more privacy, as well as more working and storage space, and where it would be possible to add on to the building as it was needed.

Due to the usual cry—"Shortage of building materials" the building is not finished, but this will be remedied and many improvements added as soon as it is possible to get materials and labor. A new coat of paint outside will be one of the first improvements, together with some awnings, and our new "shingle."

Jack Poole, head of the Joshua Tree Service Company was in town last week inspecting the new tank. He drove by the Journal office but apparently was too busy to call on us.

CORRECTION

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY BINGO PARTY

The recent ad and notice about the Bingo Party, sponsored by the Joshua Tree Woman's Club, which is to be held on February 22 at Overbay's Ranch, carried the notice that there was to be no charge except for the Bingo Cards. This was in error as there will be a door charge of 25 cents which includes the refreshments.

Proceeds from the party are to be used for silverware and dishes which wil lbe used for all future parties and meetings of the Woman's Club and the Chamber of Commerce.

Everyone is invited and the Club hopes for a large attendance.

Transformer for Sub Station Completed

The electric transformer is installed and everything is in readiness now for the line crew who are expected to arrive any day with their crew of men to start putting in the poles and stringing wires that are to bring the magic current into our homes and places of business.

Glenn Peabody and his crew moved out Tuesday, February 19, after completing their part of the work of building the sub-station. The structure looms high above the nearby buildings, reminding us of the fact that what has been "speculation" for so long a time about to become "reality."

The surveying crew is also about through and while none of the workmen have been able to give any definite promise as to the exact date when we may expect the current to be turned on all

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HOMESICK BOOTS

Norma Campbell received a letter the other day from Mrs. Jack Turner (Boots) who is now living in Detroit, Michigan. Boots mentions so many of her friends, and addressed the letter to friends as well as Norma, that we feel the best way of recahing you all is by quoting her letter verbatim.

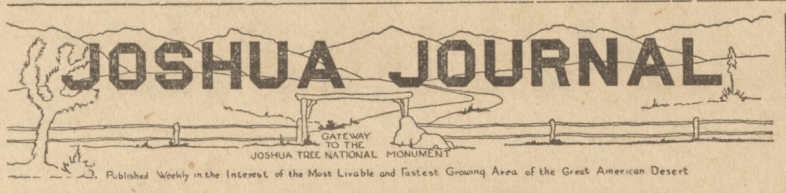
"Dear Norma and Friends:

"Sitting here in cold, cold Michigan I'm forced to think of 'Josh.' A lot of people there are going to say 'I told you so' and I guess they knew what they were talking about. I guess Walt Giles and John Coulter are going to have a good laugh on me but they always managed that even when we were still in Joshua Tree.

"As much as I hate to say this, I really miss the ole Joshua Trees and Joshua-ites. You can tell Doc Sinclair that Tennessee is still in the United States but sure is a long way from Joshua. I thought California was only about 2000 miles but found out the other day it's closer to 3000 miles.

"I sincerely hope all our friends in Joshua Tree are enjoying their good fortune.

"If you would please send us the Joshua paper every week I sure would appreciate it very much. I find I also miss reading about our little community and its growth. Guess it has grown quite a bit since we left and has a lot of new people.



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LET'S CELEBRATE

Only seven characters from our alphabet, some of them repeated and combined, form the most important and most widely used word around OUR TOWN these days. Hardly a conversation on any subject comes up without the word creeping in.

"When do you suppose the ELECTRICITY will really be turned on?" is the most frequently asked question. "I'm planning on doing 'thus and so' just as soon as we get ELECTRICITY" is another oft repeated phrase.

ELECTRICITY is well describel as an agency or force in Nature. It is Nature's great force bringing comfort and convenience into our homes by the mere turning of a switch; lifting the drudgery out of housework and giving the housewife more time for the worth while things of life. It is the agency through which we get the power to turn the wheels of our industries thus facilitating the work of the shop owners, who, in turn, are able to render better service to us.

Are we going to let the advent of electricity go by without some sort of celebration to mark the time? Are we going to ignore that momentous occasion when the first turning of the switch releases the magical current which lights up our homes and places of business, turning our town at night from a dark and obsecure spot into a brilliantly lighted place on the map? Would it not be an excellent idea for each and every resident to turn all switches to the place marked *"On"* so that every shop and home is illuminated simultaneously with the pulling of the master switch?

It also seems that this important occasion calls for the selection of some one of our merchants to be selected for the honor of pulling the master switch for the first time. The decision could be arrived at by casting a ballot either at the regular meeting, or a special one, of the Chamber of Commerce. It is only a suggestion. Possibly some of our readers may have a better one, but by all means let us not allow this historical event to pass by without some fitting celebration.

Know Your Neighbor

Teresa Jane Smith (Terry to most of us) was born in Bokchito, Oklahoma, and spent the early part of her life in Dallas, Texas. She went to High School in Los Angeles but did not finish as she eloped, and was married in Yuma to her school sweetheart Charles L. Smith. They came home and faced the parental objections which were finally overruled, and all attempts to have the marriage annulled on account of their extreme youthfulness was abandoned.

Terry's husband, Sgt. Chas. L. Smith was a Paratrooper with the 82nd Air Borne in Germany and is still there serving under General Eisenhower as Honor Guard. She expects him home by July or August.

Little Sharon Ann who is now 4½ years old can hardly wait until her daddy comes home. It is customary when a Paratrooper makes his first jump for him to "Jump a pair of Wings" for some one close to them. Sharon's daddy jumped a miniature pair of wings for her which she proudly displays on her coat. She regards them as her very choicest possession.

Terry came to the desert with her young daughter last summer and started to work for her Uncle Pic at the Desert Steak House. We are not real sure whether it is Terry's gay bantering or Uncle Pic's fine steaks that draw the crowd to the Desert Steak House. Your guess is as good as ours.

DODO BIRD

The desert now has its own **Dodo Bird** made of all local materials. Ed House of Joshua Tree has scouted around and gathered four different plant materials from which he has manufactured a clever little novelty. He has also written the following poem which describes his new creation:

"I'm just a Desert Dodo Bird
As crazy as can be.
You never see me flying,
For I have no wings, you see.

I sit upon my nest all day,
My song you've never heard;
I neither work, nor eat or sleep
For I'm just a Desert Dodo Bird.

My colors are a brilliant hue,
My brains are somewhat hazy.
I have no feet, so cannot walk,
That's why they call me lazy.

I go thru life a bit deformed,
My looks are quite absurd;
But I have those who love me,
Tho' I'm just a Desert Dodo Bird."

For the body of the Dodo Bird Mr. Houses uses a pine cone; the devils claw forms the head. Miniature cones form the eyes, and the tail is the inflated part of the trumpet vine or eriogonum, which was described in the "Flora and Fauna" column of last week's issue of the JOURNAL. See advertisement on page 3 for further information.

The Long View

By NANCY BREWSTER

Neither time nor space hampers the intrepid soul with vision and faith—without which, the people perish — as "Honest Abe" once said. So must the Mormons have taken the long trek southwesterly from Utah, down through Twenynine Palm saddle, to San Bernardino on the Pacific side of the coast range. What inspired them to face the terrible hardships of such a journey? Mirages no doubt they had seen, of cities mirrored in the sky, a prophesy of things to come—but how they would rub their eyes in amazement at the present day changes which have transpired along the old Indian infested ox-trail. The atomic age has again turned people with faith and vision, from crowded cities and familiar habitats, the result of which has produced the enterprising town of Joshua Tree. The spirit of the early pioneers lingers on, and manifests itself daily in the hopes and plans of the people who have sought this last frontier for reasons of their own. Peace and health has ever been the beacon light which has guided them to this blessed spot on the desert. A man cannot live here very long without getting a little better acquainted with God, he becomes cognizant of a joyous tranquility that he had forgotten existed, he sees the splendor of the night, he experiences warm friendships and is drawn a little closer to his fellowman. Joshua Tree has been pardonably fastidious about the type of person she has drawn to herself, she wants folks with strength of character, vision and faith, the invincible ones who do not give up easily, and build for permanency. People of the same calibre as the Mormons who took the bitter with the sweet and did not whimper, traveling far afield to prove that the long view was the only view!

TRANSFORMER FOR SUB STATION COMPLETED

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agree that one crew usually follows the other in rather rapid succession.

At least we have enough to warrant our getting our houses wired and everything in readiness for the eventful day. Our own Electrical Shop keeps adding to their equipment and the electricians, are rushing around trying to keep everyone satisfied and happy until they can get around to complete their orders. If you are thinking of having electrical work done, we advise you to place your orders early and be all ready when the time comes.

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Flying News From 'K' Field

Transient visitors at our field last week were Mr. A. S. Kayser, from San Francisco. He is making a tour of the desert area in his Aeronca Chief. He made stops at Death Valley, Baker, and Boulder City before reaching Twentynine Palms.

Earl S. Warrenfelt from Burbank, arrived via Banning charter service after his car broke down near the Banning airport. Mr. Warrenfelt was a former employee at the Twentynine Palm Air Academy, and is now with Lockheed. He is spending his vacation at Joshua Tree where he is a property owner.

Don Newman, an ex-Navy pilot stopped in recently to get warm. He was ferrying a Stearman, which is an open bi-plane, from Oklahoma City to his home in Santa Ana, California.

Mr. Lawrence Black and Mr. George Stromme, editor and associate editor of Western Flying, stopped to visit friends in Twentynine Palms. They are on a tour gathering information about airports for "Their Pilots Pocket Information File" that is published annually.

Another local pilot, Paul Renner, soloed this week after seven and a half hours of dual instruction. Jack Cones enjoyed flying from the landing strip that he built in his backyard. For future plane owners a landing strip 1000 feet long and 100 feet wide with no obstructions at either end is large enough for light airplanes.

LOCAL RESIDENT LOSES BROTHER IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Frank Cook received the tragic news last week that his brother, Leou Cook, was killed instantly in a car accident in Idaho. Leou Cook's wife, and son, and brother-in-law were badly injured. No definite information has been received about the accident, except that the funeral would be in Albion, Nebraska, Wednesday, February 24th. Frank was unable to attend on account of his wife's ill health, but he is being very brave and trying to keep his chin up.

WHO'S GUESTING

Lockehaven:
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McGee.
H. K. and Kenneth Rogers.
C. T. Bateon.

Desertaire Lodge:
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grace.
Mrs. Pearl Hill.
Miss Bessie Bennett.
Walter Buzzel.
J. B. Masiak.

Miramonte Courts:
Mr. and Mrs. Louis M. Pott.
Jack Poole.
Mr. and Mrs. William H. Pepper.
Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Quimby.

Melody Rancho:
Reginald Fry.

Rockhaven:
Barbara L. Moody.
Glenn Peabody.
Joe Steele.
Sam Thomas.
"The Three Regulars."

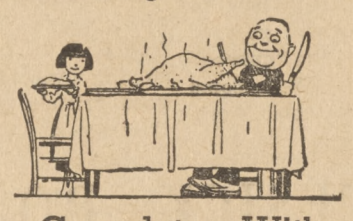
Desert Flora and Fauna

THE ANTELOPE GROUND SQUIRREL—One of the most interesting of the desert fauna, is the familiar little creature erroneously called the chipmunk, which is seen in great numbers in our particular locality. He is not a chipmunk at all, but a tiny ground squirrel with a generic name so long that it seems almost absurd when applied to so small a creature, it is— Ammosphermophilus, which interpreted means "lover of seed and sand." However, he is often called "ammo" which seems to suit him better. His specific name is leucurus, referring to his white tail which he carries high over his back.

The stripes on the back of the ground squirrel end at the shoulder while those of the chipmunk run to the point of the nose. This is one of the easiest marks of identification.

The ground squirrel's voice, like its scientific name, is far larger in volume than one would expect from an animal many times its size. Its trill is quavering, high pitched, and long continuing and more often heard on spring mornings tha at any other time.

ENJOY YOUR
Sunday Dinner



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Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Curlie Brooks of Bell, California, together with Mrs. Brook's brother, Lt. R. H. Ward, of Lakehurst, New Jersey, are guesting at the Iloyd Wiser's. Mrs. Brooks who is ill came to Joshua Tree upon the recommendation of her physician.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiser also entertained Mr. and Mrs. Warren Yearwood of Artesia, California, this past week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stoffel have returned to Joshua Tree and have taken up temporary quarters with Dr. Ann Stewart. Mrs. Stoffel's son, Chuck Turner, who has been attending the A. & M. College, Stillwater, Oklahoma, is with them and expects to locate here. While attending college, Chuck was Cap't of the Fire Department in Stillwater.

When Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Haynes were in town a short time ago, they purchased the McKibben house. Just what their plans are have not yet been revealed. The Haynes seem to belong to Joshua Tree as they have owned property and have been coming out here ever since the town started. Mr. Haynes is tied down to his business in the city so it is impossible for them to be permanent residents, but maybe the day will come before long when they can.

Mary Burson, Secretary for the Townsite Company, has been laid up with a cold for the past week.

Barbara L. Moody, well known writer of fiction, is spending a week at Rockhaven. While here she is planning to take as many side trips as possible, as she has seen very little of the desert country, and is much interested. Possibly she will incorporate much that she sees in some of her future short stories.

Mrs. Joseph Kasal is back in Joshua Tree after a week in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Henrietta Schaefer of West Bend, Wisconsin, made her first trip to the Golden State last October, and while she had heard much about the desert, last Sunday was the first time she had the opportunity to really know what desert country is. She was thrilled with the balmy weather at this time of year, contrasting it with what she has experienced so many years in the below zero temperature of the mid-west. When the cold weather is over in Wisconsin she expects to return and settle up her affairs, after which she will locate in Joshua Tree and start building on her lot.

REST AND EAT IN CABAZON

When motoring between the desert and cities west on Highway 99 if you happen to be hungry you will find it quite worth while to stop in Cabazon at the Big Limit Cafe. The service is excellent, the food well prepared, and the prices reasonable. It is not a very large place but is it "Big" in its service.

WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

The Joshua Tree Women's Club held its regular meeting Friday afternoon, Feb. 15th, at the Clubhouse.

Mrs. Charles Mitchell, Membership Chairman, introduced four new members,— Mesdames Mary Ojala, Elsie Iverson, Jeanette Robinson, and J. L. Duncan.

Plans were made for the Bingo Party which is to be held at the home of the President on Washington's Birthday. A menu was passed to the members and each one signed for the particular item she was willing to bring towards the refreshments. It was voted to use the proceeds for card tables, cups, and silverware.

Mrs. C. D. May, Ways and Means Chairman, offered to donate her time and car on Monday, Feb. 25th, to buy the equipment.

Sleeping quarters were pledged for fifteen pilots who are donating their time for the big Glider Meet at Violet Dry Lake on Feb. 23-24. The names of the people furnishing sleeping quarters has been forwarded to the Heads of the Glider Meet.

A trip through the Joshua Tree Monument was discussed, and it was decided to invite the Custodian, Mr. James Cole, to speak at one of the Club meetings, at which time the date of the trip will be decided upon.

The meeting was then turned over to the Program Chairman, Mrs. Lloyd Wiser, who introduced June Le Mert Paxton, the speaker of the day. Mrs. Paxton's subject was THE ART OF LOVE, and she read several poems from her scrap book on the subject.

Delicious refreshments were served by the Tea Committee, headed by Mrs. J. W. Lehenbauer, her co-servers were Mrs. Fred La Ferney and Mrs. Merrit Leach.

The Bobby Page Gift Shop, 29 Palms now has a new shipment of hand blown miniature pitchers, ladies shoes, and cups in assorted colors, from New York; Chocolate sets from Mexico; turtles one inch in size made of shells from the South Pacific; tiny pottery turtles, also metal pin frogs in all sizes. —adv 1 tp

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Yucca Valley

Guests last Sunday at Hidden Rancho were Mr. and Mrs. Burt Jay Harwick of Los Angeles, enroute to Desert Hot Springs for a vacation. They are property owners there.

Houseguests over the weekend at Zephyr Lodge were Mr. Ben Ferguson of Council Bluff, Iowa; Mrs. Edward A. Ferguson and daughter, Anna of Los Angeles, relatives of Mrs. Ira L. Benton. Mr. Ben Ferguson is visiting his sister and brother-in-law, the Ira L. Bentons of Los Angeles and Yucca Valley. He expects to return East February 21st. He is also visiting his mother and sister, Mrs. Edw. A. Ferguson and Anna Ferguson of Los Angeles and other relatives and friends. Mr. Ferguson is much impressed with the beauty and climate of Yucca Valley.

Ira Benton of Zephyr Lodge was called to Bayard, Nebraska, Friday because of the illness and demise of his mother, Mrs. Ada J. Benton.

H. O. Smuckal is engaged in erecting a cabin of cement blocks on his acreage in Yucca Valley.

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Dress Shop Coming to Town

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Wood of Los Angeles, were in Joshua Tree Sunday, February 16th. It was their first trip to the desert, and they were so delighted with the prospects here that they bought a lot and rented the building formerly occupied by the JOSHUA JOURNAL, which they expect to use for a dress shop. They expect to put in a full line of reasonably priced dresses suitable for desert wear. Later putting in a line of mens' work clothes, and if they find sufficient demand, yardage goods will be added, and chilren's clothing up to five years of age.

Mrs. Wood has had a great deal of experience as buyer of wool and silk yardage as she was with The Broadway Dept. store fifteen years. She resigned her position last week in order to assist her husband in their own business.

JUANITA TAKES OVER

Mrs. C. D. May, Ways and Means chairman for the Joshua Tree Women's Club is ill and unable to do the preparatory work for the Bingo party.

Juanita Wagner has taken over and while it gives her almost more to do than she can manage she is heaving to and doing her best. We know when Juanita has a job to do she always does it well so its now up to Ruby to stop worrying and get well in time to be on hand when the big night arrives.

The Bob Downers moved their furniture into their new home here last Saturday and are all set to keep house as soon as they can locate a gas cookstove. For many months the Downers have been coming out weekends and have been looking forward to the time when they could stay in their own home. Their dream has come true at last and we can now count them as true Joshua Treeites.

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Morongo Valley

MORONGO VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ELECTS OFFICERS

At the meeting Friday evening, February 15, at Angel's Cafe, the newly orgahized Morongo Valley Chamber of Commerce had it's first meeting and elected its officers for the ensuing year; D. F. Geils, President; C. A. Russell, First Vice President; Harry M. Hess, Second Vice President; Bernard Arnold, Treasurer; Mrs. Helen E. Hoffman, Secretary.

The board of directors will serve in the order they were elected by popular vote at a previous meeting; namely, C. A. Russell and D. F. Geils, with highest number of votes, three years; Helen E. Hoffman and Harry Hess, next highest, two years; Al Livingstone, Bernard Arnold and George Steffenson, one year.

Plans were made for meetings to be held each Friday until the Chamber is functioning in full swing. There will be both business and residential memberships.

Considerable discussion was had as to means to promote the growth and betterment of the valley.

The next meeting will be held at Morongo Inn on February 22, at 8 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wood spent the weekend with Mr. Wood's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wood of Morongo Lodge.

Surprise visitors in the Sam Hoffman home this week were Harland Hoffman, wife and son, Staff Sgt. Harlan Hoffman, Jr., home on a furlough from Germany. They came from their home at Omaha, Nebraska, and were so impressed with the opportunities in these parts, that they purchased property in the vicinity of Banning, where they will erect a Cafe and Motel. They have returned to Omaha to sell their interests there and will return to Banning April 1 to commence building. They were accompanied here by Sam's and Harlan's sister, Mrs. Dorothy Brenner of Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Glover, Santa Ana, spent the week-end at LaFerney's.

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Editor Entertains Childhood Friends

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis F. Martin, together with Mr. Martin's father, Curtis M. Martin and Mrs. Martin's sister, Miss Bertha M. Schmidt were here last Saturday for a short visit with Alice Powell Beckford at Rockhaven. Mr. and Mrs. Martin and Miss Schmidt are former McKeesporters which was Mrs. Beckford's old home. They are all enthusiastic boosters for Joshua Tree and come out every opportunity. They are Los Angeles residents now. C. M. Martin hails from San Diego.

Between the BOOK-ENDS

By DOLORES WILSON

Ben Ames Williams' novel, "Leave Her to Heaven," is the story of a woman driven by her own emotions to almost unbelievable extremes.

When Ellen Berent said to Richard Harlan, the young author whom she had set out to marry, because she saw in him the image of her father, "I'll never let you go," he little knew how much she meant this and how forcefully and tragically it would be driven home to him. She was in love with him and he with her. Not until they had been married, and he had seen her murder first his brother, and then her own unborn baby, did he realize that her's was no ordinary love, but one which would tolerate no sharing. Even then, he could not foresee to what lengths she would go to prevent his ever finding happiness with anyone else. How was he to know that she would commit suicide, and then reach out from the grave to destroy her sister who might have helped him to find peace and happiness?

It is here that the book reaches its intense and final climax, and the reader knows if Ellen is to be successful in this, as in all her other fiendish plots.

Aside from the story of the book, there are, also, many pages of beautiful description, which are well worth the reading even though you may be in a hurry to see what happens next.

And, I might add, that if you plan to see the movie, "Leave Her To Heaven," you definitely have a treat in store.

EDITOR'S MAIL BAG

It was very flattering to know that so many people are interested in the Journal that they write the editor immediately if it fails to show up on the regular day.

There were so many inquiries about the delay of the February 8 issue that is was impossible to answer them personally so the editor takes this means of explaining the delay.

Due to an error in the mailing department all the copies were returned to the Journal on account of "insufficient postage." With the week end coming along to cause further delay we knew nothing about it until several days had elapsed. When we get our own post office in Joshua Tree(and we hope this will be soon) we feel sure the delivery service will be speeded up.

If your copy has not reached you please let us hear from you again. We believe we have our mailing list complete and up to date now. The papers should leave the Journal office on the noon mail each Friday.

MONINGERS ENTERTAIN CELEBRITY

Lt. Kirk Bush, recently returned from Saipan, is spending a week or so with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moninger. Lt. Bush has a 90-day leave coming, but expects to take only 60 days at this time and the remaining 30 at some future date.

One of the early pioneer customs at 29 Palms was the celebration of a May Day Festival or Pioneer's Day. Lt Bush will be remembered as the one who developed the Covered Wagon Trip from San Diego along the coast line and back, covering a distance of about 450 miles and taking 49 days. The purpose of the trip was to advertise the May Day Festival, which was always one of the gala occasions at 29 Palms.

The return of the Covered Wagon marked the last May Day Festival in these parts, and it is the hope of many of the new settlers that this old custom may be revived, in fact some of the men are already letting their whiskers grow in anticipation of the event.

Bobby Page wants to tell the Joshua Tree folks how much she appreciates their visits and patronage. A trip to 29 Palms is not complete without a visit to her shop which is located on the 29 Palms highway. The shop is attractive on the outside as well as the inside as she has a beautiful desert garden with many choice varieties of desert flora.

For a small shop she carries a very large stock, artistically arranged, so that one feels they could browze around indefinitely and keep seeing quaint and intriguing things. Make it a must to stop in and see Bobby the next time you are in 29 Palms.

Mrs. Catherine E. Smith, who is employed in the Vauclaim Home for tubercular patients in San Diego is guesting with Miss Josephine Jackson. Mrs. Smith had some business to attend to in 29 Palms so Miss Jackson drove her down there and they returned by way of the Joshua Tree National Monument. Mrs. Smith was thrilled with the scenery in the park and was enthusiastic about Joshua Tree. In fact, so much so that she came in the JOURNAL office and subscribed for the newspaper.

Frank Batters, Sup't of the water plant says that the work on the new tank is finished and they are now starting on the pressure system which will force the water up into the new Alta Vista tract.

NEW HORIZONS EDMUND B. MOORE

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WHERE IS HITLER?

IS HE ALIVE OR DEAD?

"HITLER DEAD!" Remember the big headlines? Then, week by week, the various yarns were put out by self appointed eye-witnesses, showing in minute detail how the No. 1 Nazi died a heroic death.

The most plausible story and the one Hitler wanted the gullible world at once to believe was that he braved Russian shot and shell, and went down fighting in the Berlin Reich Chancellery.

One by one, the great and the near-great of the German generals bade farewell to their Fuehrer, saluted, then hot-footed it out of Berlin, and out of range of Russian artillery. Even Hitler's personal stenographer came forth with a complete account of his heroic end.

Throughout this whole series of stories and trumpted-up tragedy there seemed to be something decidedly lacking. What is it? Plausibility and common sense is lacking. Let's look further.

Even Hitler's staunchest enemies credited him with being a crafty operator. Do you think for one moment, the mind that wrote "Mein Kampf," nearly put its plan into effect and almost conquered the world, would be stupid enough to walk into the Berlin Chancellery, into deadly Russian artillery fire and die? No actual trace of Hitler, dead or alive, up to date has ever been found by anybody. Remember that.

All reports put out thus far have been like a red-herring drawn acros sthe trail,—to confuse the world. Hitler, many, many months before the end well knew Germany was defeated. He knew it was just a question of time. So for Hitler not to use a clever means of escape, equally as clever as many of the other Nazi moves — moves that astonished the world in their audacity — well, the thing doesn't make sense.

Hitler probably is alive. Where, is anybody's guess. There are too many submarine yarns, and too many hazy stories out of South America for him to be entirely forgotten. Let's not narrow it down too far. Possibly, one of these days, Hitler's diabolical keen mind may be projected and its influence felt from his underground hideout.

Common sense would indicate that chap Hitler was far too crafty and smart to die—yet.

TRADE WITH OUR ADVERTISERS

HARPERS SHOW GUESTS SCENIC WONDERS

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Harper are home for a week, but expect to return to Los Angeles for another month, so that Mrs. Harper can continue her physio-therapy treatments which she takes twice a week. Mrs. Harper is looking better than she has for a long while.

Accompanying the Harpers were Lester Laule (Mrs. Harper's son) and his friend, Harold Innes, from Cleveland, who is seeking California for the first time. Mr. Innes saw duty in the Atlantic theater of war, and is enjoying life once more as a civilian.

On last Tuesday they all took a trip to the Joshua Tree National Monument, Hidden Valley, Quail Springs and Giant Rock Airport.

Wednesday they were joined by Mrs. Barbara L. Moody, and all motored to Indio to visit the Date Gardens, returning via Palm Springs.

Mr. G. W. Bisbee has been discharged from the hospital and was reported as rapidly gaining strength. His wife says he looks better than he has for years. Mr. and Mrs. Bisbee will be out to Joshua Tree for a few days, but will have to return to Ontario, as Mr. Bisbee is still under the doctor's care.

BIG GLIDER MEET AT VIOLET DRY LAKE

(Continued from page 1)

Flying events will include Duration, Altitude, Spot Landing, and Bomb Dropping. There will be a Five dollar base prize for every ship assembled on the field.

Launching equipment will consist of a 110 hp. Mercury Powered Winch, Airplane Tow, and Auto Tow. Violet Dry Lake is approximately three miles long and is bounded on the northeast with a good slope soaring ridge.

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Split Rock Inn.
Oasis Courts.

Pilots who fly to Violet Lake will find it helpful to pickup a magnetic course of 50 degrees at Banning; the distance is thirty-nine miles from that city. Service facilities are available at "K" airport near Joshua Tree Village. Those of us who drive will take route 99 to Banning and follow the map on the reserve side of this letter. Local information can be obtained at Joshua Tree.

Plan to spend a wonderful weekend in the desert.

We'll be looking for you.

PAUL TUNTLAND,
Contest Director

Mr. Tuntland reports that plans are complete and that a large crowd is expected. All available facilities have been reserved both in the Joshua Tree and 29 Palms area, and they need a lot more rooms to house the pilots and guests. Many Hollywood people have been invited, and several groups from the various airports plan to fly in.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wagner, of Wagner Courts, entertained Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Sims of Los Angeles over last weekend. While in Joshua Tree Mr. and Mrs. Sims purchased a lot so we will be seeing them around from time to time.

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Coming EVENTS

Feb. 22, 8 p.m.—Technocracy meeting at Smoke Tree Broiler. Roy Gilbert, speaker. 1946 Rose parade will be shown in technicolor.

Feb. 23-24, afternoon—Glider meet and contest at Violet Dry Lake, sponsored by Southern California Soaring Association.

First Tuesday of each month 8 p.m. Yucca Valley Post 468 American Legion at Legion Hall, Yucca Valley.

First Friday of each month 2:30 p.m. Board meeting of Joshua Tree Women's Club. Watch bulletin board for meeting place.

Second Saturday of each month 8 p.m. Chamber of Commerce meeting. Board meeting 7 p.m. same night. Watch bulletin board for place of meetings.

Third Friday of each month 2:30 p.m. Joshua Tree Women's Club meeting at Club House, Joshua Tree.

Every Saturday night, dance at Yucca Valley School House, sponsored by Yucca Valley Women's Club.

Musical Recital

René Mellette gave a private recital for his pupils Sunday, February 19th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wikoff, 29 Palms.

Mr. Mellette is a capable teacher as was evidenced by the fine showing made by his pupils last Sunday.

Invitations were limited to the families and friends of those taking part in the program which was arranged to suit the ages and grade of the students. All the valley towns were represented. The program included the following numbers:

Song at Eventide, Engleman—Duet, Yvonne LaFerney and Mr. Mellette.

Sarabande from the sixth Sonata for violincello, John Sebastian Bach—Barbara Dunah.

Sanctuary, Morgan West—Richard Hastings.

Rosy Cheeks Polka, Bert Anthony—Patricia Preston.

Salute the Colors March, Bert Anthony—Jackie Gilpin.

Sing, Robin, Sing, Chas. L. Spaulding—Mary Hardesty.

The Assembly March, Charles L. Preston—Jimmie Peterson.

Dark Eyes, R. W. Perry, Duet—Mrs. Wikoff and Mr. Mellette.

Playful Breezes, Robert A. Hellard—Myrna Armigo.

Little Drummer Boy, Duet — Myrna and Charles Armigo.

A Sad Story, Bert Anthony—Charles Armigo.

The Military Polonaise, Fredria Chopin—Eleanor Gilpin.

Polish Dance, Xaxier Scharwenka—Yvonne LaFerney.

Swaying Daffodils, H. S. Overlades—Barbara Littleton.

Fairy Footsteps, F. E. Farrer—Mrs. Ruth Adamoli.

Hungarian Dance, Edward McDowell—Mrs. Dean Powell.

The Moonlight Sonata, L. Von Beethoven—Wanda Leeper.

Church Doings

At the organization meeting held at the Doll House on February 15th, a permanent church was formed which is to be called the JOSHUA CHAPEL. The name was suggested by Mrs. Robert L. Morris.

A board of trustees was elected with Tom Henning as President and Mrs. Bob Morris and Jack Lowther as associate members. Mrs. Joe Wagner was elected Secretary and Mrs. Milo W. Crane, Treasurer.

The Church is a Community Church and the meetings will be held temporarily at the Club House. The group hopes to have their own building before too long.

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